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RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

On behalf of Associated Black Charities (ABC), located in Baltimore, Maryland, I am writing to express support for the proposed merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable.

The support is based upon our existing partnership with Comcast in Maryland and their continuous willingness to find solutions that benefit the community especially low wage/no wage adults and their families. Their support has been financial but it has also included in-kind support and lending of their intellectual capital to help problem solve in these same communities.

Comcast, as they are currently structured, is certainly able to help us make a difference as we focus on closing the health and wealth gaps in the State of Maryland. However, it is our firm hope that a combined organization of Comcast and Time Warner can lend so much more in terms of resources. both financial and intellectual, that even greater change can be achieved in these communities.

One of the largest barriers to opportunities for low wage/no wage and families of color in general, is access to knowledge, relationships and simply "know how" to create pathways for themselves. Technology can be a core equalizer in this equation. Technology and resources which increase access can be made available to not just families and children, but also to organizations that are under-resourced and seek to move those families up the ladder.

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A corporation providing services to the public must understand that their success and sustainability is directly related to the success and sustainability of the communities they serve. We believe that this is both the perspective and the values to be represented in the combined organization.

Sincerely,

Diane Bell-McKoy President and CEO

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